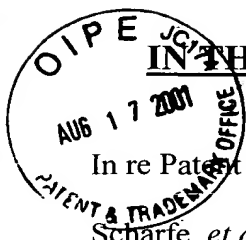


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Submitted herewith is a listing of documents known to Applicants and/or their attorney in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the European Search Report for EP 00 10 7817 dated September 5, 2000.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned attorney submits the following concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language documents cited on the accompanying form:

Reference OR, foreign patent document EP 0 850 876, discloses doped pyrogenic oxides of metals or metalloids produced by flash hydrolysis and having a specified amount of dopant. An English language abstract corresponding to this document is enclosed herewith



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